



At a Glance

Latest News from the University of Haifa

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Wishing you a Happy, Healthy and Festive Passover and Easter!
We will be closing for the holiday on April 9th and will be returning on April 18th.

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University staff and faculty bid a personal farewell and thanks to Adm. Ret. Ami Ayalon, who recently completed a six-year term as Chairman of the Executive Committee. On entering the role, Adm. Ret. Ayalon brought with him vast experience in public life: as head of Israel's Security Agency (Shin Bet), Commander of the Navy, and Member of the Knesset. He led the Executive Committee with drive and energy. President Robin thanked Ami for his service and contribution to the University, which will undoubtedly continue to be felt for years to come. President Robin also congratulated Mooly Eden, the new Chairman of the Executive Committee and wished him a successful term in office.



2

Four student recipients of the Francine "Nicky" Zucker Scholarship Fund met sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin and Barbara Zucker in a warm and lively discussion when they visited Israel last week from the USA. The meeting took place during the annual visit of the Gutwirth extended family, of whom Benjamin Zucker is a member. They found they had much in common: all the scholarship recipients are graduate students at the School of Social Work while Mrs. Zucker was herself a social worker. They talked at length about the challenges of the work. The Francine "Nicky" Zucker Scholarship Fund has supported graduate students for over a decade now, giving recipients a helping hand in their studies and allowing them to give back to society through their careers.



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American consuls from the US Embassy in Tel Aviv met with President of the University Prof. Ron Robin last week to discuss the higher education system in Israel. They were joined by Prof. Gad Barzilai, Vice-Rector and Head of the International School. The group met in the University's Aviva and Sammy Ofer Observatory, which has a birds-eye view on the whole northern region stretching from south of Haifa, to the north of Acre, and even to Mount Hermon and the mountains of Syria. The visitors were treated to a historical and contemporary overview of the University's location by Prof. Arnon Golan from the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies.



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Thousands of potential students flocked to a University Open day held for the first time outside the main campus, in the Port Campus in Haifa's Downtown. With the support and cooperation of the Haifa Municipality and the Municipal Authority for Immigrant Absorption, the event had a colorful, youthful atmosphere. Lecturers from many departments were there to explain courses to visitors and hundreds registered. The Port Campus has long been part of the University and this new style open day in the heart of Haifa emphasized the senior administration's vision for a multi campus university at the core of the city and the northern region. See pictures of the event [here](#).



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Clinicians, professionals and academics from 60 countries recently discussed bioethics at the [12th International Conference of Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Health Law](#), headed by Prof. Amnon Carmi, of the Faculty of Law. The Conference was held in Cyprus. Prof. Carmi is the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and was President of the Conference, which aimed to deliver the message of bioethics to society, 'by planting the ethical values into the soul of the people and into their daily life and behavior'. All foreign ambassadors in Cyprus attended the event, which also hosted a delegation of 12 Chinese universities and 40 universities from India. The conference provided a rare opportunity for Israeli participants to mix with representatives from several countries with which Israel does not have diplomatic relations.



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Maayan Tsadka of the Department of Music has won Israel's acclaimed AKUM award for her musical composition Hydrophony. Maayan's work is a contemporary piece which received the AKUM Prize for the Promotion of Music Publishing. AKUM has presented awards to some of Israel's top writers, lyricists and composers over the years, and is the non-profit representing artists rights in Israel. Warmest congratulations to Maayan!



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Students and faculty from the Leon H. Charney School of Marine Sciences both benefited and contributed in an Israel national 'Mitzvah Day' (Good Deeds Day) in cooperation with the Flagship Program for combating social exclusion and promoting social solidarity. The participants visited the [Ein Hayam trail](#) and received a fascinating view of the Ein Hayam Neighborhood, its history and culture. They also volunteered in the community garden in the neighborhood. The trail project works with the community and the environment in this mixed neighborhood, and was developed by the University together with the Leo Baeck Educational Center.



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A lecture organized by the [Haifa Center for German and European Studies](#) and the [Bucerius Institute for Research of Contemporary German History and Society](#) lifted the lid on women's involvement in the Jewish Enlightenment. [Haskalah and the Jewish Salonieres of Berlin](#), by Prof. Christophe Schulte of the University of Postdam discussed how empowered female intellectuals played a leading role in the Haskalah, in Berlin society at the time. The event is part of a series of lectures and was run with the support of Zeit Stiftung of Germany.



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Students living in the dormitories took part in a vibrant roundtable discussion event on "The Status of Women in Different Cultures" as part of the Jewish-Arab Community Leadership Program. Program participants organized the event in collaboration with dormitory social coordinators, and the Social Leadership Unit. This is one of a series of roundtable discussions in the dormitories organized by the Jewish Arab Community Leadership Program, which has been running for over a decade thanks to the sponsorship of the German Friends Association, led by Mrs. Sonja Lahnstein. During the discussion, the 30 participants shared their thoughts on women's status in different cultures; they talked about their views relating to women in the labor market, and changes in the status of women in the last few decades.

